

after it has performed a delegated function related to general vessel safety assessment, as defined in § 8.100, for a two-year period.

(d) If, after this two-year period, the Coast Guard finds that the recognized classification society has not demonstrated the necessary satisfactory performance or lacks adequate experience, the recognized classification society will not be eligible to participate in the ACP. The Coast Guard will provide the reason for this determination to the recognized classification society. A classification society may appeal the decision of the Coast Guard concerning recognition to the Commandant in writing in accordance with 46 CFR 1.03-15(h)(4).

(e) The Coast Guard will enter into a written agreement with a recognized classification society authorized to participate in the ACP. This agreement will define the scope, terms, conditions and requirements of the necessary delegation. Conditions of this agreement are presented in § 8.130.

§ 8.430 U.S. Supplement to class rules.

Prior to receiving authorization to participate in the ACP, a recognized classification society must prepare, and receive Commandant (G-MSE) approval of, a U.S. Supplement to the recognized classification society's class rules. This supplement must include all regulations applicable for issuance of a Certificate of Inspection (COI) which are not, in the opinion of the Commandant, adequately established by either the class rules of that classification society or applicable international regulations.

§ 8.440 Vessel enrollment in the Alternate Compliance Program.

(a) In place of compliance with other applicable provisions of this title, the owner or operator of a vessel subject to plan review and inspection under this subchapter for initial issuance or renewal of a COI may submit the vessel for classification, plan review and inspection by a recognized classification society authorized by the Coast Guard to determine compliance with applicable international treaties and agreements, the classification society's class rules, and the U.S. Supplement pre-

pared by the classification society and accepted by the Coast Guard.

(b) A vessel owner or operator wishing to have a vessel inspected under paragraph (a) of this section shall submit an Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessel (CG-3752) to the cognizant OCMI, and indicate on the form that the inspection will be conducted by an authorized classification society under the ACP.

(c) Based on reports from an authorized classification society that a vessel complies with applicable international treaties and agreements, the classification society's class rules, and the U.S. Supplement prepared by the classification society and accepted by the Coast Guard, the cognizant OCMI may issue a certificate of inspection to the vessel. If the OCMI declines to issue a certificate of inspection even though the reports made by the authorized classification society indicate that the vessel meets applicable standards, the vessel owner or operator may appeal the OCMI decision as provided in subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

(d) If reports from an authorized classification society indicate that a vessel does not comply with applicable international treaties and agreements, the classification society's class rules, and the U.S. Supplement prepared by the classification society and accepted by the Coast Guard, the cognizant OCMI may decline to issue a certificate of inspection. If the OCMI declines to issue a certificate of inspection, the vessel owner or operator may:

(1) Correct the reported deficiencies and make arrangements with the classification society for an additional inspection;

(2) Request inspection by the Coast Guard under other provisions of this subchapter; or

(3) Appeal via the authorized classification society to the Chief, Office of Compliance, Commandant (G-MOC), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

§ 8.450 Termination of classification society authority.

(a) The Coast Guard may terminate an authorization agreement with a classification society to participate in the Alternate Compliance Program if: